



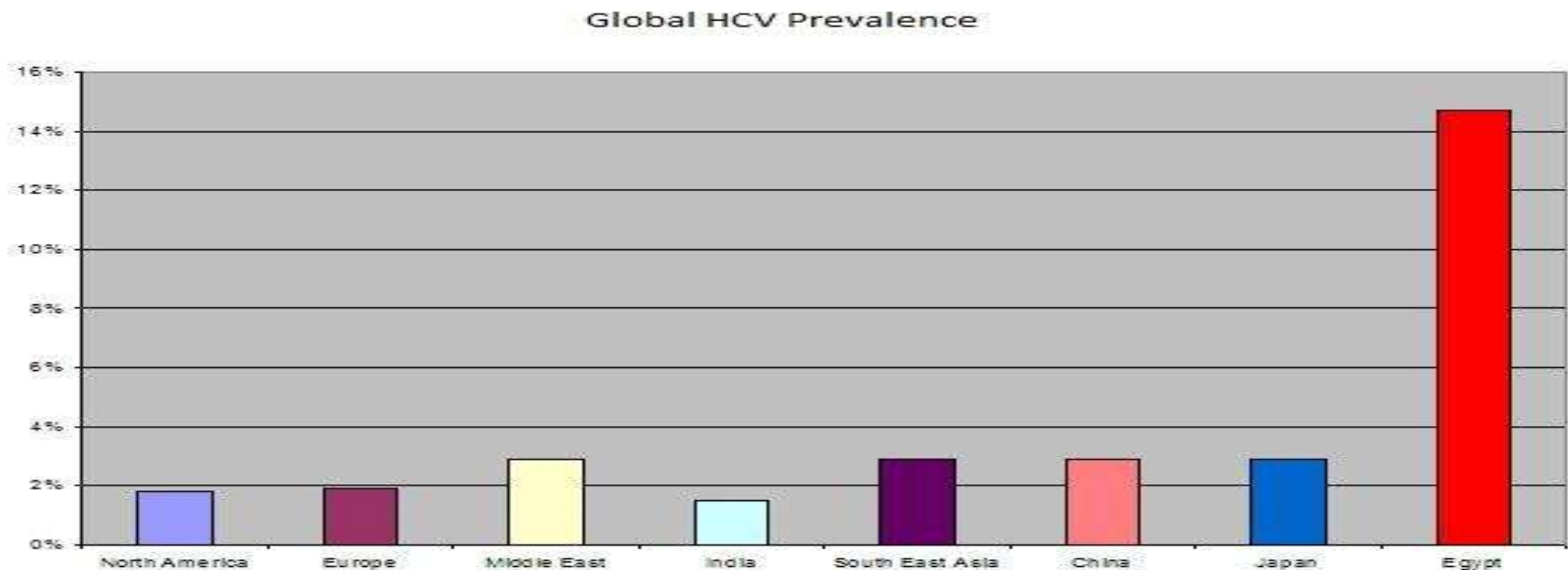
# Hepatitis C Virus new treatment and hemodialysis

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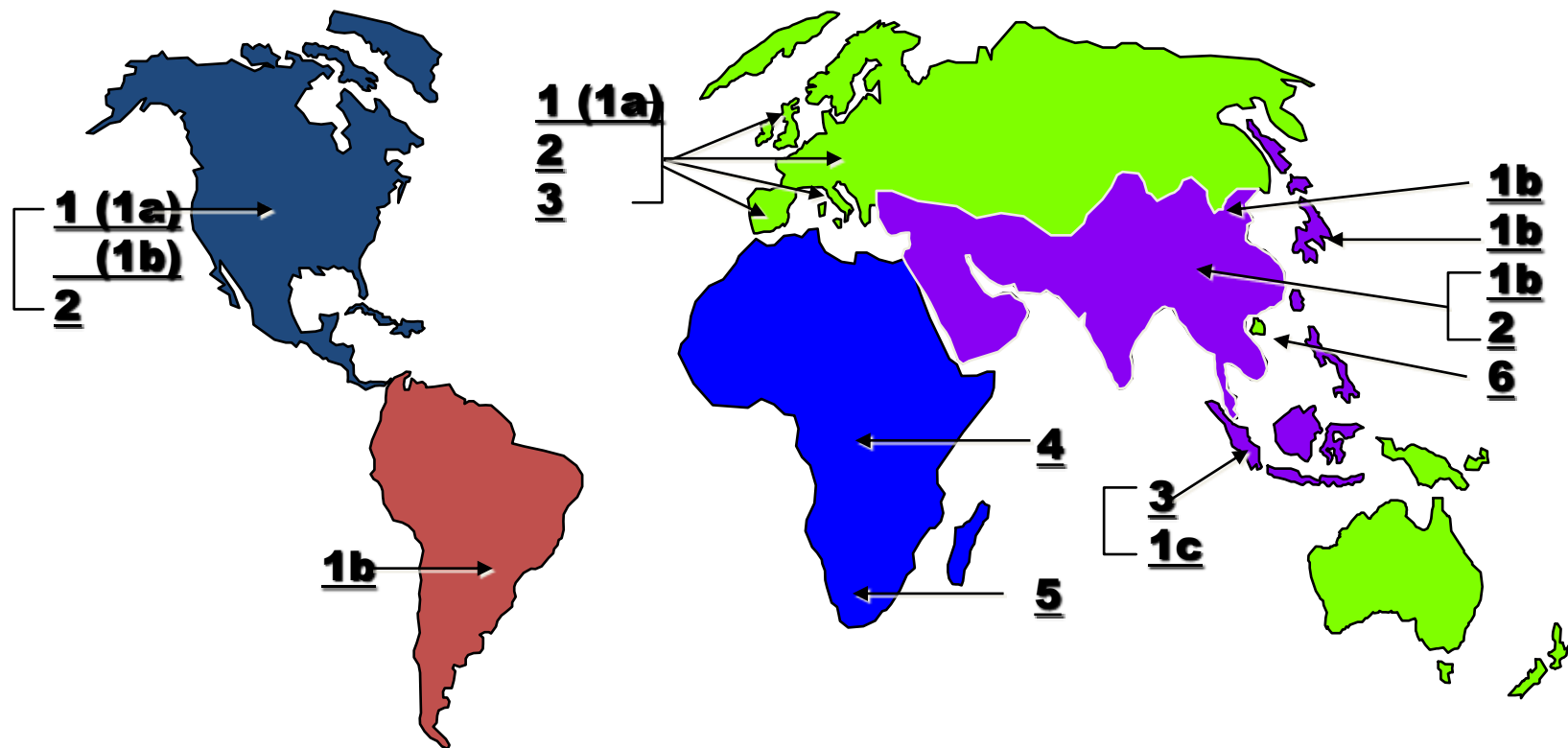
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# Hepatitis C Introduction

- WHO estimates that about **3%** of the world's population are infected with HCV.
- Egypt has the highest prevalence of hepatitis C virus (HCV) in the world, estimated nationally at 14.7%.
- The Most common type is HCV genotype 4 (  $\geq 90\%$  )



# Worldwide Distribution of Genotypes



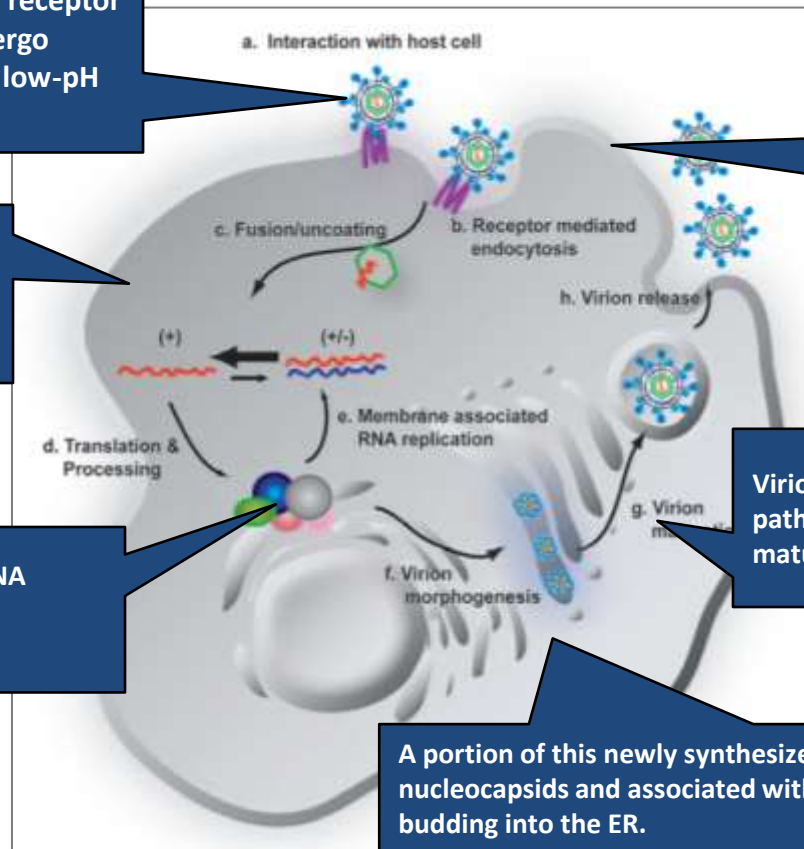
# The Lifecycle of HCV

*Unlike HIV and HBV, HCV is Unable to Integrate Into the Host Genome and Can Thus Be Cured*

Extracellular HCV virions interact with receptor molecules at the cell surface and undergo receptor-mediated endocytosis into a low-pH vesicle.

The viral RNA is released into the cytoplasm and translated to generate a single large polyprotein that is processed into the 10 mature HCV proteins.

The mature HCV proteins replicate the RNA genome via a minus-strand replicative intermediate to produce progeny RNA.

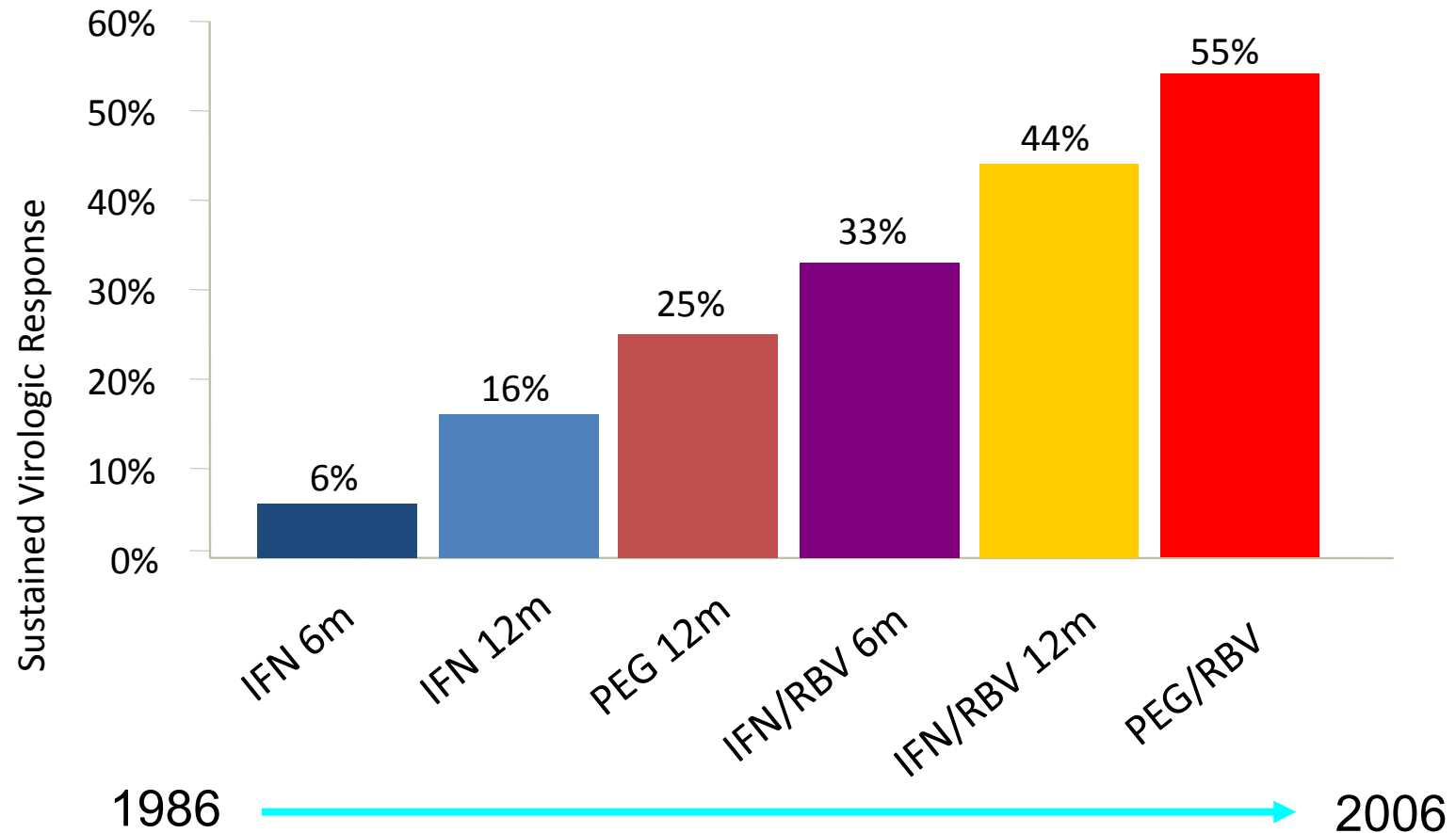


Mature virions are released from the cell, completing the life cycle.

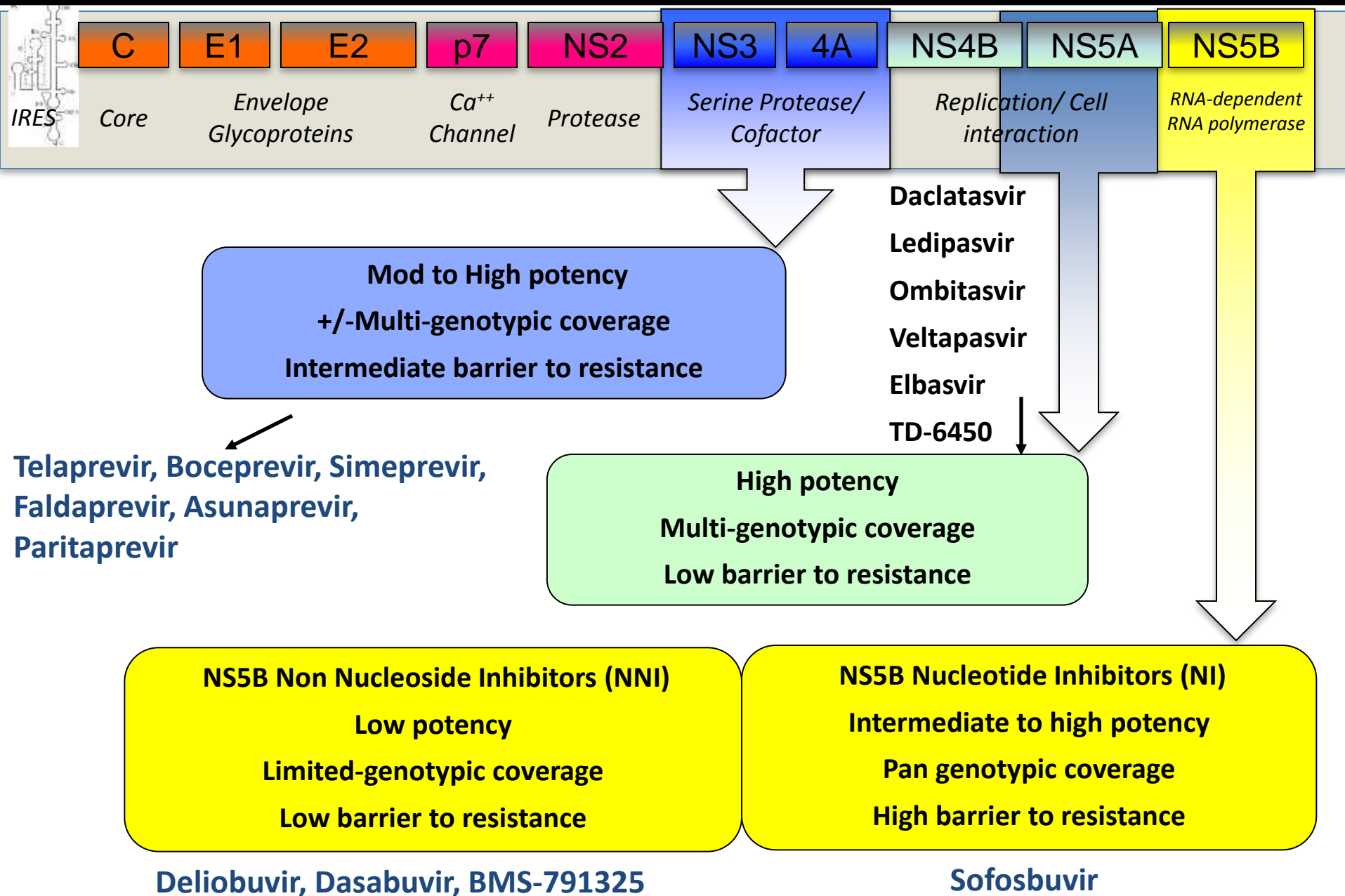
Virions follow the cellular secretory pathway and, during this transit, maturation of particles occurs.

A portion of this newly synthesized RNA is packaged into nucleocapsids and associated with the HCV glycoproteins, leading to budding into the ER.

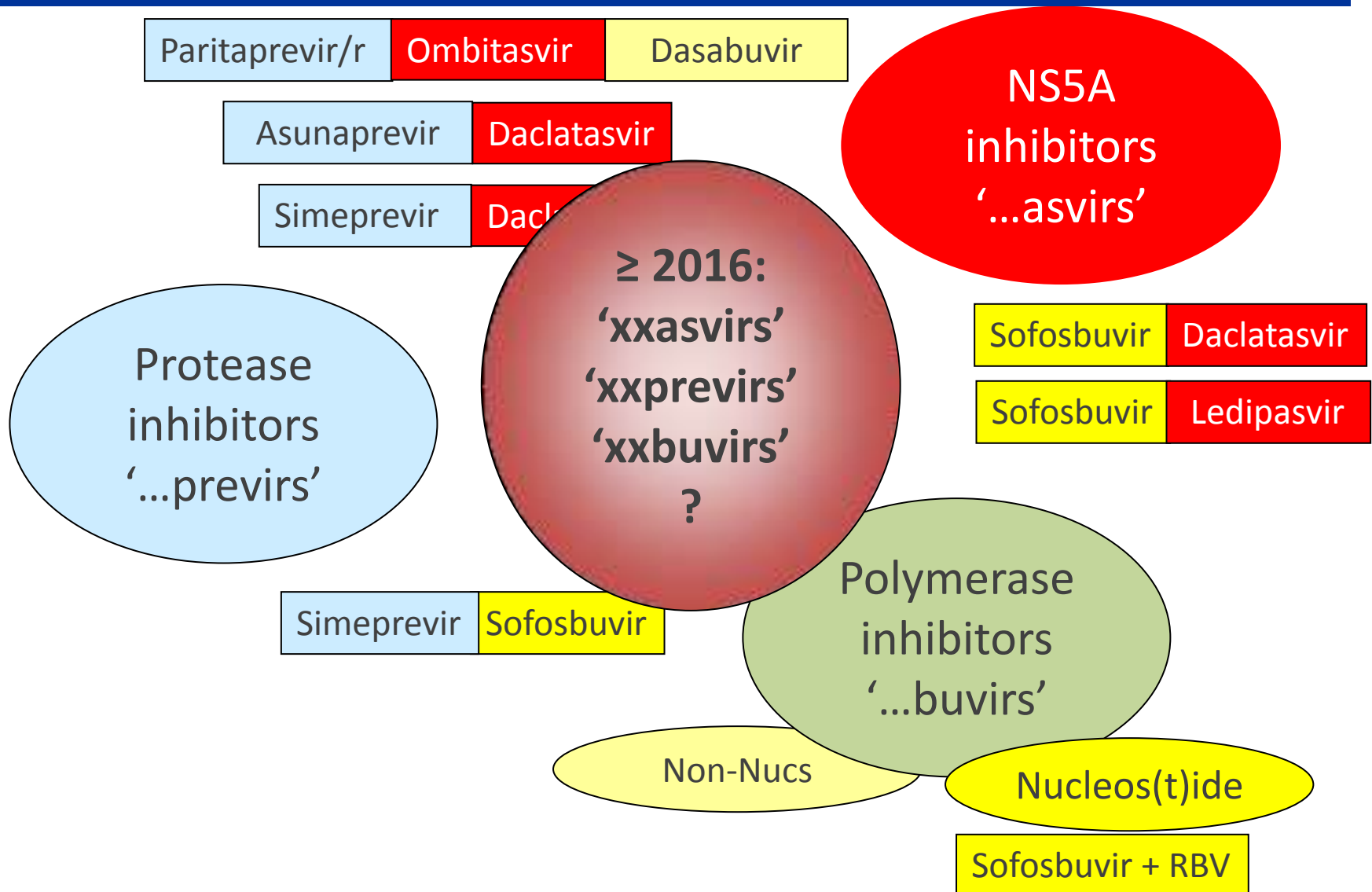
# Progress in achieving sustained viral response in chronic hepatitis C with IFN-based regimens



# DAA Agents Overview



# IFN-free regimens available in 2016



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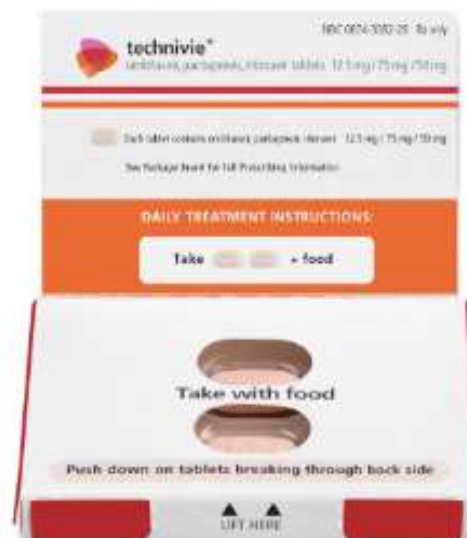
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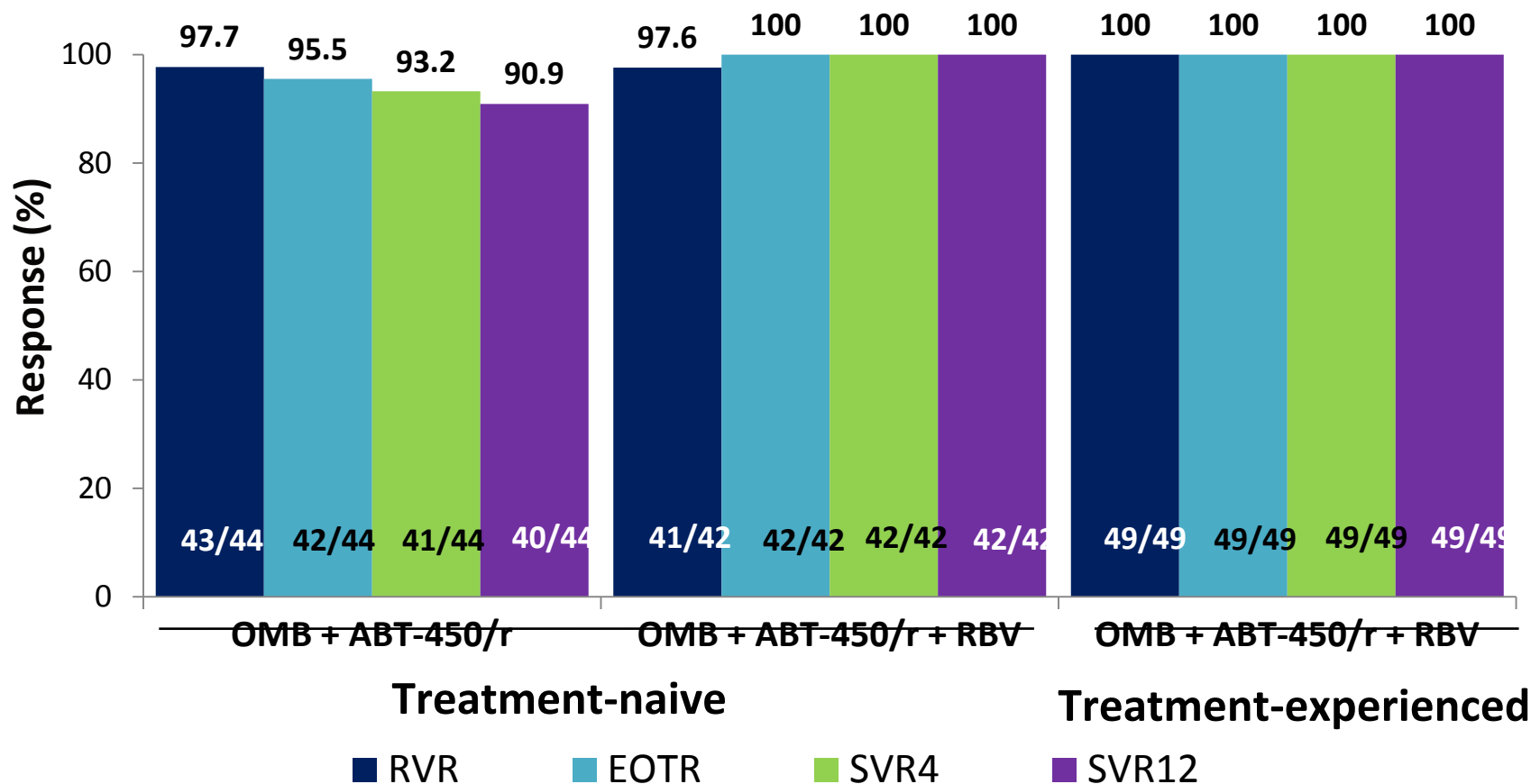
# Paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir

- the daily fixed-dose combination of:
  - Paritaprevir (150 mg).
  - Ritonavir (100 mg).
  - Ombitasvir (25 mg).
  - Dasabuvir (250 mg).
- In October 2015, the FDA released a warning regarding the use of the PrOD or PrO (without dasabuvir) in patients with cirrhosis.

FDA, 2015

# OMB + PARIT/RIT ± RIB IN GENOTYPE 4(PEARL-I)

- **135 GT4 patients** have been enrolled in **PEARL -1 Trial**, The response rate (SVR12) and EOTR were 100% among all pegIFN/RBV-naïve and all pegIFN/RBV-experienced patients who were treated with 2DAAs + RBV, and >90% in all treatment-naïve patients treated with 2DAAs without RBV





2016



# Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir

- The fixed-dose combination of ledipasvir (90mg) and sofosbuvir (400 mg)
- The overall response rate is 98 %
- Generally safe with no severe side effects.

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# Liverpool HEP iChart

- The University of Liverpool provided this service with summary data of hepatitis drug interactions.
- Full details are available at:  
**[www.hep-druginteractions.org](http://www.hep-druginteractions.org)**

# **INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES**

# Patients with chronic HCV without cirrhosis

Patients	PegIFN- $\alpha$ , RBV and sofosbuvir	PegIFN- $\alpha$ , RBV and simeprevir	Sofosbuvir and RBV	Sofosbuvir and ledipasvir	Ritonavir-boosted paritaprevir, ombitasvir and dasabuvir	Ritonavir-boosted paritaprevir, and ombitasvir	Sofosbuvir and simeprevir	Sofosbuvir and daclatasvir
Genotype 1a		12 wk (treatment-naïve or relapsers) or 24 wk (partial or null responders)	No	8-12 wk, without RBV	12 wk with RBV	No	12 wk without RBV	12 wk without RBV
Genotype 1b	12 wk		No		12 wk without RBV	No		
Genotype 2	12 wk	No	12 wk	No	No	No	No	12 wk without RBV
Genotype 3	12 wk	No	24 wk	No	No	No	No	12 wk without RBV
Genotype 4	12 wk	12 wk (treatment-naïve or relapsers) or 24 wk (partial or null responders)	No	12 wk without RBV	No	12 wk with RBV	12 wk without RBV	12 wk without RBV
Genotype 5 or 6	12 wk	No	No	12 wk without RBV	No	No	No	12 weeks without RBV

Treatment-naïve patients and patients who failed a treatment based on pegIFN +RBV.

EASL Recommendations 2015, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jhep.2015.03.025>. Accessed April 2015.



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Genotype 4	12 wk	12 wk (treatment-naïve or relapsers) or 24 wk (partial or null responders)	No	12 wk without RBV	No	12 wk with RBV	12 wk without RBV	12 wk without RBV
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Genotype 1b								
Genotype 2	12 wk	No	16-20 wk	No	No	No	No	12 wk without RBV
Genotype 3	12 wk	No	No	No	No	No	No	24 wk with RBV
Genotype 4	12 wk	12 wk (treatment-naïve or relapsers) or 24 wk (partial or null responders)	No	12 wk with RBV, or 24 wk without RBV, or 24 wk with RBV if negative predictors of response	No	24 wk with RBV	12 wk with RBV, or 24 wk without RBV	12 wk with RBV, or 24 wk without RBV
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# IFN-Free Options, Gen 4

	SOF/LDV	O/P/R	SOF + SIM	SOF + DCV
<b>No cirrhosis</b>	12 wk without RBV	12 wk with RBV	12 wk without RBV	12 wk without RBV
<b>Compensated cirrhosis (CPT-A)</b>	12 wk with RBV, or 24 wk without RBV*	24 wk with RBV	12 wk with RBV, or 24 wk without RBV*	12 wk with RBV, or 24 wk without RBV*
<b>Decompensated cirrhosis (CPT-B and CPT-C)</b>	12 wk with RBV, or 24 wk without RBV*	No	No	12 wk with RBV, or 24 wk without RBV*

\*Patients with negative predictors of response can be treated 24 weeks with ribavirin (negative predictors: treatment-experienced, platelet  $<75 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$ )



Genotype   Recommended   Alternative   NOT Recommended

## AASLD-IDSA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TESTING, MANAGING, AND TREATING ADULTS INFECTED WITH HEPATITIS C VIRUS

- Authors On behalf of the Hepatitis C Guidance Panel (see AASLD/IDSA HCV GUIDANCE PANEL MEMBERS AND AUTHORS)

***February 24, 2016***



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# PATIENTS WITH RENAL IMPAIRMENT

**Renal patients are overexposed to hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection. Hepatitis C virus infection impacts general outcomes in chronic kidney disease, dialysis or transplanted patients.**

Infectious Diseases and Therapy. First Online: 07 July 2016



# **the Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (DOPPS)**

**In 2004, DOPPS published the largest study analyzing the HCV serological status in 8615 randomly selected hemodialysis patients treated in 308 dialysis facilities (in 8 countries in Europe, HCV USA and Japan). It showed the HCV antibody prevalence to be 14.7%.**

Kidney Int. 2004;65(6):2335–42.

**Table 1: HCV prevalence, by DOPPS region/country and phase in initial cross-section of each phase**

Region/Country	DOPPS Phase					p-value for trend <sup>b</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5	
Australia-New Zealand	-	7.4 (513)	7.0 (519)	5.2 (449)	3.8 (393)	0.86
Belgium	-	6.1 (537)	5.1 (503)	4.6 (542)	4.0 (485)	0.08
Canada	-	4.9 (599)	4.5 (546)	5.6 (425)	4.0 (457)	0.69
China	-	-	-	14.0 (1379)	9.9 (1189)	
France	14.3 (540)	16.0 (510)	10.2 (549)	6.9 (501)	-	<.01
GCC-6 <sup>c</sup>	-	-	-	-	19.3 (910)	
Germany	4.2 (505)	4.2 (566)	3.8 (577)	2.9 (586)	4.5 (584)	0.20
Italy	23.1 (561)	21.8 (576)	17.0 (521)	9.2 (623)	11.4 (485)	<.01
Japan	19.0 (2155)	14.3 (1782)	12.4 (1822)	9.4 (1574)	11.0 (1609)	<.01
Russia	-	-	-	-	13.7 (486)	
Spain	21.4 (491)	11.8 (600)	9.1 (663)	8.7 (674)	8.9 (613)	<.01
Sweden	-	4.9 (547)	5.0 (539)	4.6 (531)	6.0 (426)	0.79
Turkey	-	-	-	-	6.6 (383)	
United Kingdom	2.4 (493)	3.0 (553)	1.2 (443)	2.1 (439)	4.4 (397)	0.50
United States <sup>d</sup>	11.7 (3156)	8.2 (2238)	6.3 (1799)	5.9 (4412)	7.4 (2977)	<.01
<b>All DOPPS countries</b>	<b>14.2 (7901)</b>	<b>9.6 (9021)</b>	<b>7.8 (8481)</b>	<b>7.4 (12135)</b>	<b>9.5 (11394)</b>	

HCV prevalence by phase shown as % (n patients)

- DOPPS phase 1 (1996-2001 in the United States, 1998-2001 in Europe/Japan); phase 2 (2002-2004); phase 3 (2005-2008); phase 4(2009-2011); phase 5 (2012-2014)
- Phase included as a linear term in a logistic model with HCV+ (vs. HCV-) as the outcome, accounting for facility clustering and adjusted for age, male sex, years on dialysis
- Gulf cooperation council countries – includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates
- HCV prevalence consistently higher in US-black patients: 15.8% vs. 8.8% in DOPPS phase 1, 12.4% vs. 6.1% in phase 2, 10.9% vs. 3.7% in phase 3, 10.7% vs. 3.9% in phase 4, 10.1% vs. 6.3% in phase 5.

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# Prevalence of HCV Infection in Dialysis Patients

- **60 to 100 % in Egypt**
- **8 to 36 % in North America**
- **1 to 54 % in Europe**
- **17 to 51% in Asia**
- **1.2 to 10% in New Zealand and Australia**

Hussein El-Fishawy et al. 2016

# Cr Cl 30 - 80 mL / min

- ❖ **No dosage adjustment is required when using:**
  - **Daclatasvir.**
  - **Fixed-dose combination of ledipasvir (90 mg)/sofosbuvir (400 mg).**
  - **Fixed-dose combination of paritaprevir (150 mg)/ritonavir (100 mg)/ombitasvir (25 mg).**

Rating: Class I, Level A

**An active metabolite of sofosbuvir is actively renally secreted, and therefore overexposure may be observed in CKD patients.**

**Sofosbuvir is used at a 400-mg daily dosage in patients with GFR above 30 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>.**

**The authors tested a full dose or half dose of sofosbuvir in stage 4 or 5 patients (on dialysis or not) despite the exclusive renal elimination pathway.**

Nazario HE et al. Liver Int. 2016;36(6):798–801.

# Cr Cl < 30 mL / min or ESRD

- ❖ **When the urgency to treat is high and kidney transplant is not an immediate option:**
- **Daily fixed-dose combination of elbasvir (50 mg)/grazoprevir (100mg) for 12 weeks is a Recommended regimen.**  
Rating: Class IIb, Level B

AASLD-IDSA guidelines, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**The grazoprevir/elbasvir combination, with or without ribavirin, was recently approved by the FDA for the treatment of chronic HCV genotype 1 and 4 infections in patients with end-stage renal disease on hemodialysis.**

**No drug dosage adaptation in case of renal failure.**

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# Cr Cl < 30 mL / min or ESRD

- **Daily fixed-dose combination of paritaprevir (150 mg)/ritonavir (100 mg)/ombitasvir (25 mg) with RBV at reduced doses (200 mg thrice weekly to daily\*) for 12 weeks is an Alternative regimen.**
- **Caution is recommended due to the potential for hemolytic anemia due to impaired renal clearance and RBV should be restricted to those with a baseline hemoglobin concentration above 10 g/dL.**

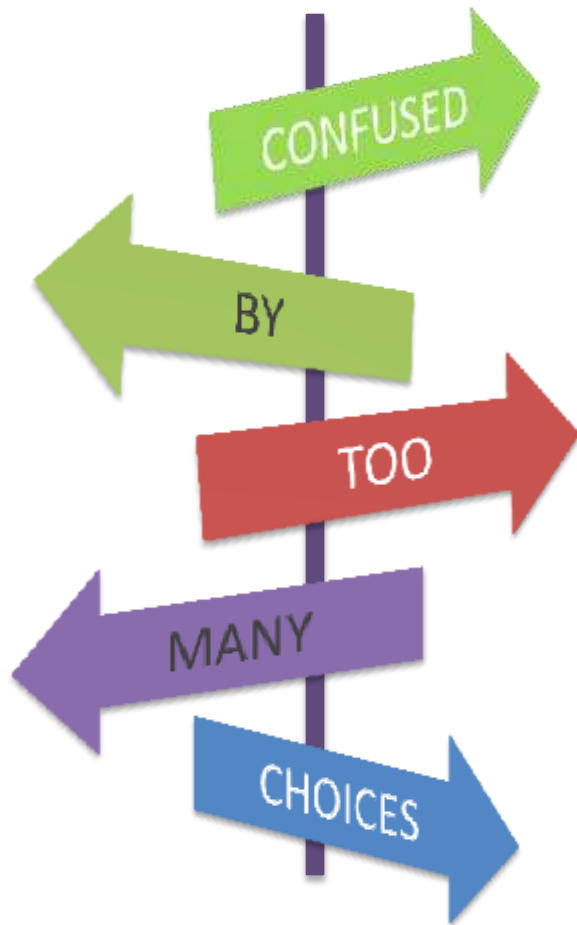
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- **RBV should be discontinued if hemoglobin level declines by more than 2 g/dL despite the use of erythropoietin.**

# Recommended for patients after kidney transplantation

- **Sofosbuvir (400 mg)/ Daclatasvir (60 mg).**
- **Sofosbuvir (400 mg)/ Ledipasvir (90 mg).**

# Treatment of HCV G4 in 2016: already too many options?



**RBV: yes/no?**

**How long to  
treat?**

**TOUGH  
DECISIONS  
AHEAD**

**Which drugs to  
use?**

**How to treat  
GT-3?**

**Advanced liver  
disease?**

**When to start  
treatment?**

**DDI profile**

**Impaired renal  
function?**

**Resistance?**



# **Selected articles**

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## **Efficacy of Direct-Acting Antiviral Combination for Patients With Hepatitis C Virus Genotype 1 Infection and Severe Renal Impairment or End-Stage Renal Disease**

- **20 patients were given ombitasvir co-formulated with paritaprevir and ritonavir DAAs.**
- **Drugs were well tolerated.**
- **All 20 patients completed 12 weeks of treatment. Eighteen of the 20 patients achieved SVR12 (90%).**

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# **Therapy of hepatitis C by direct-acting anti-virals: the end of HCV in dialysis population?**

- **patients with HCV genotype 1 and chronic kidney disease stage 4 or 5 were given the 3D regimen.**
- **Treatments were generally well tolerated.**
- **All patients completed treatment with 100% viral response (14/14) but data on sustained viral response are under evaluation.**

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In conclusion

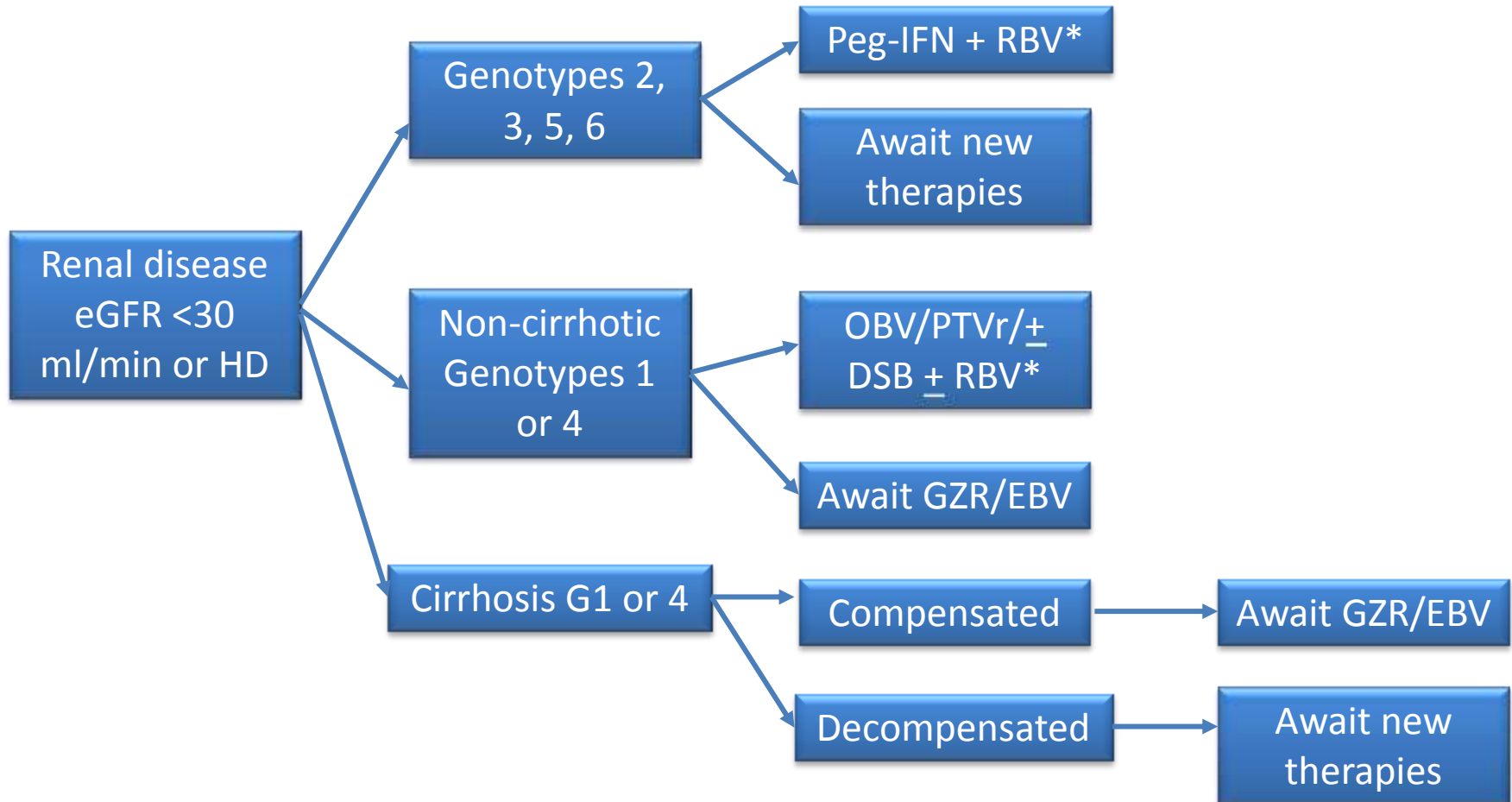
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# Drug Choices Need to Be Guided by Safety in Patients With Renal Impairment

DAA	Primary Metabolic Pathway	Predicted Need for Dose Adjustment if eGFR<15 ml/min or HD	Recommendations Per Package Insert
Sofosbuvir	Renal	Unknown	Not if CrCl < 30 mL/min
Ledipasvir	Hepatic	Probably not	Unknown
Daclatasvir	Hepatic	Not required	
Simeprevir	Hepatic	Probably not	Not if CrCl < 15 mL/min
Paritaprevir/r	Hepatic	Not required	No dose adjustment for mild → severe renal impairment Not studied in HD patients
Ombitasvir	Hepatic		
Dasabuvir	Hepatic		
Ribavirin	Renal	Yes	Yes, at reduced doses

## Management Options for ESRD (CrCl <30 ml/min)



\*Only if non-cirrhotic and treatment is urgent  
and renal transplant not immediately available

**Most “special populations” have DAA treatment options.**

**Most of them enjoy excellent outcomes (SVR).**

**Persons with ESRD represent the largest group with unmet need.**



# **THE SILENT PANDEMIC**

**TACKLING HEPATITIS C  
WITH POLICY INNOVATION**

**A report from the Economist Intelligence Unit.**

# Case study

## HCV in the developing world: Close-up on Egypt

**Egypt's HCV problem is greater than that of any other country in the world.**

For F DeWolfe Miller, professor of epidemiology at Hawaii University and an expert on Egyptian public health and the HCV pandemic, the spread of the disease there is “nothing short of a scandal”.

carriers, the legacy of a disastrous public health programme launched in the 1950s to vaccinate the population against the river-borne disease schistosomiasis. Recent epidemiological studies in individual communities have demonstrated a close link between the advent of the vaccine –

care,” he says. “Almost every pharmacy, doctor and dental office in the country needs to clean

**Although Egypt now has the world's largest HCV treatment programme – and in October 2012 launched what will be the world's most comprehensive national HCV patient registry-every year at least 500,000 new HCV infections occur.**

Miller adds: “Egypt has one of the largest medical education systems in the world. They have all heard of Semmelweis, an 19th-century Hungarian doctor who discovered that handwashing reduces mortality, but they don't make the connection. Unless that is taken on board, it is going to be a long time before anything changes there.”







# Curing Chronic Hepatitis C — The Arc of a Medical Triumph

Raymond T. Chung, M.D., and Thomas F. Baumert, M.D.

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# Hepatitis C

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« Now is this the end...???

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« Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning »

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Winston Churchill

**THANK YOU**